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SUBJECT: MARCH MEETING OF CCG

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1. MARCH MEETING TAKEN UP WITH LONG DISCUSSION OF
AGENDA (REF A) ITEM III - 1976 GENERAL REVIEW. SINCE
PROPOSALS OF SEC-GENS HAD BEEN RECEIVED ONLY DAY OR
TWO BEFORE CCG MEETING, FORMAL DISCUSSION OF REVIEW
SCHEDULED FOR SPECIAL MARCH 31-APRIL 1 CCG MEETING IN
PARIS. HOWEVER, BELGIAN AND DUTCH REPS HAD STRONG
PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS TO STATISTICS IN SEC-GENS
PRESENTATION WHICH PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES IN EXCESS
OF COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR SOME GRADES. SEE
TABLE IV ON PAGE 6 OF CSG(77)1.

2. COMMITTEE NOTED THAT IN APPROVING 133RD REPORT,
COUNCILS COULD IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES INVITE THE
CCG TO FORMULATE PROPOSALS IN EXCESS OF THE COST-OF-
LIVING CEILING. HOWEVER, CCG DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH
DISCUSSION OF SEC-GENS PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN CSG(77)1
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ON BASIS THAT NO MANDATE TO CONSIDER QUOTE EXCEPTIONAL
CIRCUMSTANCES UNQUOTE YET EXISTS. LONG AND DIFFICULT
BATTLE ENVISIONED.

3. AGENDA ITEM IV: 135TH REPORT, SAFEGUARD CLAUSE.
UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF COMMITTEE THAT ANY INTERIM
ADJUSTMENT PAID IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL AMOUNT LATER

INDICATED BY GENERAL REVIEW SHOULD BE RECOVERED. US
DEL NOTED POSITION STATED REF B. BELIEVE CASE IS NOW
CLOSED ON THIS MATTER.

4. AGENDA ITEM V: ENTITLEMENT TO EXPATRIATE
ALLOWANCES. GROUP AMENDED DRAFT REPORT AND REVISED
VERSION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT MARCH 31 CCG MEETING.

5. AGENDA ITEM VI: PENSION SCHEME - STUDY OF PROPOSALS
TO EXTEND ENTITLEMENT PORTION TO STAFF RECRUITED SINCE
1 JULY 1974. COMMITTEE DIRECTED CHAIRMAN MASSBERG TO
PREPARE DRAFT REPORT TO NATO COUNCIL DISAPPROVING
SUB-PARAGRAPH (H), OF PO/77/13 (REF C). PARA (I) OF
SAME PAPER REFERRED TO CCG WORKING PARTY WHICH IS
HOLDING INITIAL MEETING THIS WEEK IN BRUSSELS AND WILL
REPORT TO CCG BY MID-APRIL.

6. AGENDA ITEM VII: JOINT ADMIN UNIT FOR PENSION
SCHEME. IN LIGHT OF STRONG OPPOSITION BY SEC-GENS REP,
COMMITTEE DEFERRED APPROVING TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR
WORKING PARTY UNTIL APRIL MEETING. US DEL WOULD
APPRECIATE KNOWING IF DEPARTMENT WISHES US TO PUSH
AHEAD ON ESTABLISHING WORKING PARTY -- IN LIGHT OF SEC-
GEN LUN'S AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THIS SUBJECT (REF D).

7. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS: UK DEL REMINDED COMMITTEE
THAT ONE YEAR HAD NOW PASSED SINCE CCG HAD FORWARDED
130TH REPORT TO COUNCILS (CCG MEMBERSHIP FOR EUROPEAN
CENTER FOR MEDIUM RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS) AND WONDERED
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ABOUT THE APPROPRIATENESS OF SENDING REMINDERS TO NATO
AND OECD COUNCILS. SEC-GENS REP SAID OECD WOULD FOLLOW
NATO LEAD ON THIS MATTER, BUT BELIEVED WEATHER CENTER
MEMBERSHIP WAS BASICALLY POLITICAL PROBLEM WHICH CCG
DID NOT HAVE MANDATE TO ADDRESS. IDEA OF SENDING
REMINDER WAS THEN DROPPED.
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